

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:	Atty. Docket No.: 007230.00003
<b>Jeffrey Nichols et al.</b>	
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For: Private Network Exchange with Multiple Service Providers, Having a Portal, Collaborative Applications, and a Directory Service	Confirmation No.: 4242

**AMENDMENT**

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 22, 2006, please amend the instant application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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